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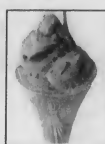
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TODAY:

Flurries with a high of 38 and a low of 21.

FRIDAY:

Snow showers with a high of 38 and a low of 17.

SATURDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 39 and a low of 22.

SUNDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 44 and a low of 24.

verbatim

"She really was a stylin' woman."

Rick Hurley

Students Excluded From New Committee

Meeting Cancelled When Bullet Attends

By JAMES TRAMEL
Staff Writer

The Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity, AAEOO, and the Council on Community Values, CCV, had its first meeting Friday, Jan. 31. After *The Bullet* reporter attended and refused to leave, the new committee cancelled its meeting.

The recently merged AAEOO/CCV committee is supposed to combine the duties of both committees, such as encouraging affirmative action and regulating community values.

The Bullet's position is that any advisory committee formed by the college is open to the public, and the committee had no authority to cancel its meeting.

"It was a public meeting," said *Bullet* Editor-in-Chief Julie Stavitski. "The reporter was within his rights in attending that meeting, regardless of whether or not he was given permission by the administration."

According to Ron Singleton, senior vice president for Advancement and College Relations, meetings of this



Photo Courtesy College Relations
Sabrina Johnson.

committee would fall under exceptions to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which mandates that public business be open to the public.

"The meeting does not fall under the FOIA as the committee is not a public committee," Singleton said. "It has non-public employees and staff. It falls under exemption from the FOIA."

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Anderson Says Committee To Diversify Student Body

By JAMES TRAMEL
Staff Writer

President William Anderson appointed new student members to an advisory committee that merged the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity, AAEOO, and the Council on Community Values, CCV, even though students have always been members of the CCV. This lack of representation has irked several students.

Last week, Anderson issued a notice that the two committees "were merged to form one advisory committee in order to facilitate the achievement of their interconnected goals."

According to Sabrina Johnson, ex-officio chair of the committee and assistant vice president for Human Resources and Affirmative Action, "No students are on the new committee at this time."

When asked if students will be allowed to serve, Anderson said, "There has been no decision as yet. It is still being discussed."

Junior Jocann Walker, president of Minority Rights Coalition, an on campus education and activist group focused on working for the rights of minority groups at the college, thinks students should be included.

"It's not a good thing that students would be kept out of this committee," Walker said. "The students need a voice there, especially on issues of diversity."

Junior Nathan Figueroa, president of People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities, PRISM, also thinks the policy is flawed.

"The Student Government Association really needs to be contacted about that," Figueroa said. "I'm not sure that they're even aware of it."

The SGA could not be reached for comment at the time of this article.

Figueroa also said he fears that without student representation, various projects will not receive backing.

"I'm concerned about whether some of our projects will get funded," Figueroa said. "Due to budget cuts we had to look to outside sources to bring in the AIDS quilt. I'm not sure if we will be able to get funding for the HIV awareness day this year. Without students represented, I have doubts."

According to the Anderson, the AAEOO's purpose was to examine issues and make recommendations for new campus policies. Anderson said this committee was in place well before he was at the college, and was a result of a state mandate that ensures desegregation of public schools.

The CCV was different. According to college officials, the CCV began in March 1993. Its aim was to promote "a climate recognizing the rights and privileges of all individuals, void of connotations of inferiority and superiority, and an environment in which all members of the community treat each other with dignity, respect

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College To Pay Millions To Update Computers

Current Hardware, Software Declared Obsolete By Vendor Hewlett-Packard

By CONOR REILLY
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College will have to spend approximately \$3.7 million to replace computer hardware and software because of an announcement by the manufacturer that it is obsolete.

The college's current central information systems, which run services such as Eaglelink, Blackboard and email, as well as some departmental software, have been called obsolete by vendor Hewlett-Packard.

"HP's announcement means that we have to get a new hardware environment and get new software that will run on it as soon as possible," said Chip German, vice president for Information Technology. "There is no choice in this matter."

College officials said they will pay for the project by borrowing funds from the state and repaying the loan over time. This borrowing mechanism is called the State Treasury Master Lease Fund and functions in much the same way as a bank-lending program does for

private citizens.

In addition to Hewlett-Packard calling the system obsolete, administrators said there are other motivations for replacing the systems that are presently in place. Most of these fall under the college's "Best Bet Initiative."

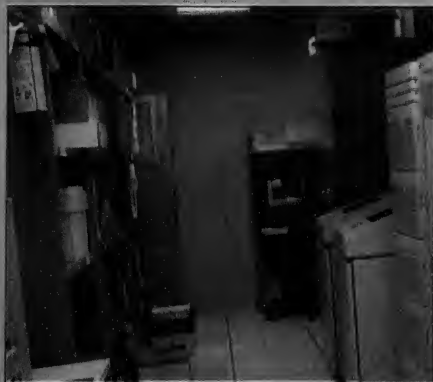
Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer said, "Best Bet is a department-wide program designed to eliminate or streamline any inefficient processes at Mary Washington."

A new and upgraded central information system would, "make many more things possible to do via the Web at any time and from anywhere, that eliminates mindless, paper-based bureaucracy that show changes in real time," German said.

This means that there would be a more efficient environment, enhancing communication between both departments and students and departments and other departments.

Virginia's Secretary of Technology is currently reviewing the plan. If the plan is

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The college's obsolete hardware.

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MWC May Not Buy Marye's Heights Apartments

\$1.5 Million Needed To Pay For State Mandated Americans With Disabilities Act Improvements

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
News Editor

An administrative proposal to the Board of Visitors suggests the college won't be buying Marye's Heights after all.

If the college buys the William Street apartment complex, a new state Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) policy would require the college to spend \$1.5 million for improvements, such as installing an elevator in each of the four buildings and widening the main doors in each apartment.

To avoid making those improvements, the Mary Washington College real estate foundation, a group composed of alumni and Board of Visitors members, retain ownership of the property. The foundation spent \$8.75 million to buy the property in November 2001 and planned to sell it to the college.

"We had hoped to buy the complex in January or February of this year," said Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley.

However, if the BOV approves the college's current proposal, the foundation will still rent the apartments to the

college each year, so students can use them either way. "It's blind as far as students are concerned who owns it," Hurley said.

Not selling the property means that the Real Estate Foundation will have to pay about \$50,000 in property taxes to the city of Fredericksburg each year. However, college officials highlight the fact that keeping the ownership of the property private within the foundations adds other benefits, such as not needing state approval to renovate the apartment buildings.

The ADA mandates that public accommodations be accessible to people with disabilities. Under ADA guidelines, a complex like Marye's Heights would need five wheelchair accessible rooms. As of the fall, the college will have two rooms that are wheelchair accessible.

According to Stephanie Smith, director of Disabilities Services, regardless of who owns the apartment complex, five rooms will eventually have to be made wheelchair accessible at the expense of the college.

"The ADA applies to all public buildings. If the public can get in there, then that applies," Smith said. "No student

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Marye's Heights.

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Police

By PORTSIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor

Beat



Jan. 29—Around 5 p.m., two people were observed standing behind Brompton. Shawndrick White, 19, and James Harrison, 35, both of Petersburg, said they were looking for landscape jobs. White was found to be in possession of 1.25 ounces of marijuana. He was arrested and charged with felony possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Harrison was issued a trespassing warning and escorted off of the property.

Jan. 31—Around 1 p.m., a student reported \$30 missing from her backpack in Seabeck. The case is under investigation.

Feb. 1—A transaction was observed by campus police in front of Lee Hall. Charles Hecker, 18, of Fredericksburg was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor by

selling a fake I.D. and obstruction of justice by refusing to obey a police officer. A 16-year-old male, of Alexandria, was found in possession of tobacco products and a fake I.D. Charges are pending for the minor at Fredericksburg Juvenile Domestic Relations Court.

Feb. 1—At 11:44 p.m., campus police detected the odor of marijuana coming from a vehicle parked in Westmorland lot. Marquel Brown, 19, of Fredericksburg was found to be in possession of marijuana and given a trespass warning. He was released on summons and is scheduled to appear in court.

Feb. 1—Around 12:54 a.m., William Doggett, 21, of Windsor was arrested for being drunk in public walking along College Avenue.

Was The Meeting Open To The Public? The Bulletin Says Yes, The College Says No

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However, according to the Virginia FOIA having non-public employees does not create an exception. The acts says that a public body "shall include any committee, subcommittee, or other entity however designated, of the public body created to perform delegated function of the public body or to advise the public body. It shall not exclude any such committee, subcommittee, or entity because it has private sector or citizen members."

A The Bulletin reporter asked for permission to attend the meeting

early in the week and was told he could attend. On Friday morning, he received a call from Sabrina Johnson, assistant vice president for Human Resources and Affirmative Action and ex-officio chair of the AAEE/CCV, retracting her offer of letting a reporter attend the meeting. "It's really a matter of procedure," Johnson said. "This is our first meeting, and I want to make sure all the members are comfortable with outside visitors. I wanted to take a vote to see if we could open the meeting. I thought the meeting would offer an excellent forum for that decision."

The reporter went to the meeting regardless of the invitation retraction. At first, the committee refused to let him attend. Then, the committee members let him attend, only to cancel

the meeting.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act says, "The General Assembly ensures the people of the Commonwealth . . . free entry to meetings of public bodies wherein the business of the people is being conducted."

In an informal discussion, Joan Murphy, the attorney assigned to the college in the state attorney general's office, referred to the FOIA exemption 2.2, 3701. In this section, a public body is defined as "organizations, corporations, or agencies in the Commonwealth supported wholly or principally by public funds."

According to Dick Hammerstrom, News editor for the *Free Lance-Star*, Advisory committees of public institutions fall under the constraints of the Freedom of Information Act. If the committee is advisory to the Board of Visitors, then legally its meetings would have to be open. However, if the committee was advisory to the administration and not the BOV, then the committee meetings would not have to be open. It's unclear now who the committee advises.

"This definition of a public body is the key to knowing if it falls under FOIA, or is exempted from it," Hammerstrom said.

There has been no rescheduled date of the first meeting. The next meeting is Feb. 26.

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The Virginia Freedom of Information Act

ADA In The Way Of Purchase?

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would have to pay for an accommodation. The school would have to pay for all accommodations."

Seven rooms will also be offered with flashing light fire alarms for hearing-impaired students.

Smith said the Office of Disabilities Services assisted 238 students this year, with impairments ranging from asthma, which often required air conditioning in a student's room, to wheelchair-bound students. Smith also said the ADA does not require improvements being made to every room.

"We don't have to make everything accessible," Smith said. "We just have to make sure there is a choice."

However, Vice President Hurley said that the state's Bureau of Capital Outlay Management must approve the sale if the college was to buy the property, and a new policy will not let the college buy the property unless Mary Washington College commits to making the changes.

"Their philosophy is that if you live on the third floor and you have a friend who is handicapped who lives on the first floor, they ought to be able to visit you and get on that floor," Hurley said.

The Board of Visitors will decide on whether or not the college should take out a \$10 million loan and buy the property or let the Real Estate Foundation keep ownership at their meeting this weekend.



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Something's Fishy in Miami

MIAMI—Mikhail Ivanovich Kovtun, 59, of Russia was sentenced to 30 months in prison for attempting to smuggle 98 pounds of caviar into the United States. He and two other travelers, also from Russia, were discovered by customs inspectors to have tins of sturgeon roe in their suitcases and could not produce the required permits, reported Reuters. As an endangered species, sturgeons have been protected since 1998 by international treaties that prohibit export of the fish or its eggs without a permit. Kovtun's companions received six and seven months in prison after pleading guilty to smuggling charges. Kovtun was the ninth person in two years to be arrested and sent to prison for smuggling caviar.

Penguins Fly First Class

DALLAS—Southwest Airlines is lobbying to get back its most unusual passengers—penguins from SeaWorld. The promotion Southwest ran with SeaWorld, which had the airline bringing penguins on the plane to advertise their non-stop flights to the theme park locations around the country, was cancelled after the September 11 terrorist attacks, reported the Associated Press. "If we can find a way to make this happen, far be it from us not to say yes," said spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration Ed Martelle. "The trick is being able to do this and not compromise security." Melanie Jones, creative manager for Southwest, said that many security questions were being asked. "One of the things they mentioned was, 'Would it be possible that we would be able to wand the animals?'" SeaWorld said that the penguins are used to being handled and wouldn't mind. Besides, penguins travel light.

Six More Weeks of Winter

PUNXSUTAWAY, Penn.—Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous groundhog, saw his shadow on Feb. 2, giving us six more weeks of cold weather. The 117-year-old ritual of bringing Phil out of his burrow beneath a maple tree stump on Gobbler's Knob stems from an old European superstition that winter will last another six weeks if a burrowing animal sees its shadow on Candlemas Day (Feb. 2), reported Reuters. No shadow means an early spring. The 15-pound rodent has seen his shadow 41 times over the last 50 years. The last time he didn't was in 1999.

Bush Looks for Aliens

WASHINGTON—While no one has yet definitively proven that life on other planets exists, President Bush may be the man to do it. A section of Bush's budget document titled "Where Are the Real Space Aliens?" says that evidence of habitable worlds beyond our own may be much more prevalent than anyone thought, reported the Associated Press. Astronomers have found many planets outside our solar system, including 90 stars with at least one planet orbiting them. The budget concludes, "Perhaps the notion that 'there's something out there' is closer to reality than we have imagined."

Magic Wands Found to be Fakes

BETHLEHEM, Penn.—Joann Zansky, 57, bought three magic wands from a psychic to erase negative thoughts. Instead, \$5,400 of her hard-earned money did a disappearing act. She contacted police when she became suspicious of the wands' effectiveness, reported the Associated Press. "She was a terrific actress," said Zansky of the psychic. "I believed her." Police are investigating the matter. "Possibly it is some violation of consumer fraud," said Lt. Robert Righi. No charges have yet been filed against the psychic.

Committee Merge Kicks Out Students

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and civility."

The CCV included students and has an operating budget. The AAEEO did not have a budget or include students.

Anderson said that he wanted to merge the two committees in order to increase diversity among students. "I wanted to create a more culturally diversified student body," Anderson said.

According to the Princeton Review's 2003 edition of "The Best 345 Colleges", Mary Washington College was named the most homogeneous college in the U.S. While the review was based only on students who opted to take the survey, it was indicative of the feeling of some

students. Students formed a new campus group to address this issue.

"We formed this group to really start focusing on some of the issues of race, and the rights of minority groups," said junior Ashley Bland, vice president of the Minority Rights Coalition. "These issues just really aren't being addressed right now."

However, students still wonder why they are not included on the committee if encouraging diversity among students is its goal.

"I think that's the non-representation of students is really an issue," Walker said. "It needs to be addressed."

Black Journalist Tackles Race Issues



Check out the Features section next week for full coverage of senior New York Times writer, Lena Williams.

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The Bulletin seeks a graphic designer. The candidate must be proficient in Adobe Illustrator.

Viewpoints

your opinions

FAST FACT:

A reporter, challenged to get President "Silent Cal" Coolidge to say three words, received the famous response: "You lose."

Editorial

Whatever

"I'm bored."

"There's nothing to do on campus."

"Let's spend our weekend getting trashed in our room because this campus blows."

These are just a handful of the many complaints any given student gives on this campus. To these students we have to say: that's bull, and you know it.

While yes, we are a small school and yes, we are lacking the frat boys to pump us full of alcohol Thursday through Sunday nights, and yes, we are currently in a budget crisis causing the campus to cut back on programs, there are numerous members of this campus working on events to relieve your boredom.

Despite budget cuts, and having to beg, borrow and steal pieces of art, the Ridderhof-Martin is still putting on an art show. How many students have seen it?

The Historic Preservation Club offers one-of-a-kind entertainment in the Victorian Ball. Women of Color and B.O.N.D. brought the region's best steppers to campus last weekend, and for the first time ever, some of Mary Washington's own actually saw it and were duly impressed.

The Black Student Association will host a talent show next Thursday. Go see it. Better yet, go perform in it.

Cheap Seats presents movies almost every weekend and runs movies seven days a week on Channel 27.

If you don't leave your room, you'll never get to do or see many of these fun, if not unique things. Mary Washington College offers thousands of things to do. All you have to do is go out and do them.

Guest Column

Screaming About Ice Cream

By **BYRCE McCLAMROCH**

Let me begin by saying that I have no problem with ice cream itself. Ice cream is a frozen, delicious treat. I myself have enjoyed ice cream on warm summer days and with a variety of toppings. No, my friends, I have a problem with the people who do not follow correct ice cream etiquette and allow it to get in the way of good judgment, people who stop the decent folks of this campus from eating meals in a neat, orderly fashion. These people will be the subject of this heated, yet informative tirade.

The other night I stopped by the Eagle's Nest for a late dinner and waded through the mass of hungry students with nothing more on my mind than going back to my room to devour my six-inch sub. With chips and drink in hand, I struggled to balance the items while I dug around for my EagleOne card and move into the line. It quickly became apparent that this line was not going anywhere soon. Of course the natural reaction for any innocent bystander in this situation is to look to see the cause of the traffic jam.

The first thing I noticed was the sole cashier making many trips with dripping scoop to the ice cream freezer. Crap! It was the first of the omens. As if one person wasn't bad enough, I realized that five of the six people in front of me were also ordering ice cream. I might as well have forfeited right there. I thought I might have a lonely packet of Easy Mac sans cheese mix collecting dust in a drawer somewhere. Yet I decided to stick it out and sadly watched my six-inch sub grow soggy in my hand. The seconds became minutes and I found myself entranced

with the light reflected off the lines of fruit cups and yogurts in the glass case next to me. My appetite was slowly winning over my sanity.

Life cannot exist in cafeteria lines alone. We were not supposed to spend our time on Earth in this way. So why do we do it? What drives these people to cause themselves and others anguish in their senseless hunger for ice cream? I must have missed the email that said a five degree rise in temperature means must have ice cream. It's still winter!! I still have to psych myself up to brave the tundra that separates Willard Hall and my first class. Have no fear everyone; there is not an ice cream shortage in our future. There will still be plenty left for those kind souls patient enough to wait for the bloom of spring flowers and the first signs of summer.

So let me conclude by saying that we must find the power to deliver ourselves from the grip that ice cream holds on our weak-willed peers. There is a time to enjoy a cup of ice cream and a time to enjoy a cup of pudding or a juicy orange. Please let those of us who want warm food during the wintertime enjoy our cuisine. Finally if you must have ice cream, be imaginative. It is the 21st century. Who still eats a small one scoop cup of plain vanilla ice cream anyway? Try to be daring and order two scoops of rocky road. Better still, why don't you visit our local bookstore and purchase a pint of your favorite flavor to have at your own leisure?

Bryce McClamroch is a sophomore.

Letters to the Editor

There Is A Difference

Dear Editor:

During the last semester's debate on the use of military force in Iraq, I understood the College Republicans' outrage at the Bush and Clinton comparison. In the heat of debate, tempers flare and brash statements surface. Likewise, I will remind everyone that the College Republicans attempted to characterize the Human Rights Club as Saddam Hussein's apologists: an assumption that is even more offensive and unfounded than that made by the HRC panelists.

However, given the nature of the debate, my peers and I dismissed the remark as an outburst of emotion. Writing, on the other hand, is a much more calculated form of communication, and for this reason I find many problems with Robert Simpson's guest column ("What's the Difference?" Jan. 23).

At this point, you may wonder why I have not addressed the comparison between Bush and Clinton. Simply answered, as a representative of the Human Rights Club, I am not a member of a political party. No matter how many ways Simpson attacks us, the point remains that we are bound by a thread of human compassion, not ideology. Granted, the majority of our membership gravitates toward progressive philosophy, but this is in no way a requirement for involvement. It is Simpson's inability to differentiate between Democrats and the HRC that amounts to a lack of insight so grotesque that he says everything with the same precision that he says nothing.

Furthermore, after laughing through the cliché monikers and sweeping generalizations, my attention fell on the deliberate punch-below-the-belt that is his fifth paragraph. To state that liberal thought is "devoid of ideas" is self-serving, presumptuous, absurd, and vapid. Following are the "lack of ideas" that run rampant in our organization.

We continue to mobilize for the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter by attending rallies and putting together benefit concerts. The HRC raised funds for the Heifer Project, an organization that purchases farm animals for impoverished families and teaches them how to subsist on them, by tabling in the Campus Center. Additionally, we have set up a panel discussion on Feb. 12, when representatives from the community will highlight issues concerning farm-workers' rights. Lastly, we are gathering support to form an anti-war coalition that involves the city and outlying areas in which we reside.

Simpson may continue to characterize us as fleeting, uninformed, or immoral, but we will continue to extend our hand to the community and prove him wrong on all accounts.

Lastly, if all liberals are to be determined by Carville and Clinton, then I can only imagine how conservatives would feel to be likened to Limbaugh, Coulter, Lott, or Buchanan. Well, do not bite your fingernails, because the HRC will never make such an unsophisticated parallel. If Simpson's column is a reflection of the entire College Republicans organization—which I hope it is not—then they should all be ashamed.

Alex Pittman is a freshman.

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Fast Fact:

A man in Hawaii sold a thousand tickets to a Spice Girls concert. Unfortunately there never was a concert. The man was arrested and told police he needed the money for a nose job and a sex change.

thumbs



to no urinals in dorm rooms.



to the Senior Countdown - 100 days until graduation.



to people stealing the directory from the info desk



to the Gospel Extravaganza this Sunday.



to Punxsutawney Phil seeing his shadow.



to "Crimes Against Nature" this Friday.

in the stars

Aries - You will be attacked and beaten by a group of nuns.

Taurus - Beware of short people.

Gemini - You will overhear people talking about you today, and realize that you have a reputation as a real stud hombre cyber-muffin.

Cancer - People are starting to take you a bit too seriously. Try wearing your bunny slippers to work.

Leo - Beware of cats today. (Particularly black and white cats who sit next to you and pretend to be innocent. Those are the worst kind.)

Virgo - Beware! Someone is about to come give you a hug.

Libra - Today you'll suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, and believe me, that'll hurt.

Scorpio - You will discover today that you can whistle and hum at the same time. This will entertain you for hours.

Sagittarius - Good day to go on a voyage of self-discovery. Try to be back in time for dinner though.

Capricorn - This may be a good time to take up squid farming. If you can figure out what kind of hat to wear that is.

Aquarius - It will turn out that all of your life up until now was just a peculiar dream, and that you are actually still only 2 years old. You will find this vaguely irritating.

Pisces - Excellent time to show the world that plaid and stripes do too mix. (Tip #12 of Arnold Pinknoble's "How To Get Noticed.")

Canadian Conference Raises Issues

By MANDY MCGUIRE
Staff Writer

Could it ever seem possible that 24 degrees Fahrenheit would actually feel warm? For 12 Mary Washington College students and the advisor who accompanied them on their Model United Nations conference, it felt great when they landed in Washington, D.C. After enduring four days of frigid Canadian weather where temperatures rarely rose above 10 degrees, the 24 degree weather was welcomed by the students.

"It was freezing," said Kacy Zuchowski, a sophomore and Vice President of Mary Washington College's Model U.N. club. "It was cold the whole time, but the coldest was minus 40 degrees one night."

Dean of Student Life, Cedric Rucker, accompanied the students on their trip as an advisor and recalled how they all responded to the change in weather when they got off of their plane in D.C. "When we flew in and got off the plane, it had just stopped snowing. Then we all turned to each other and said, 'It's so warm here!'"

So why would anyone travel to Canada during the winter of one of the coldest years in recent memory? To attend the thirteenth international Model United Nations conference hosted by Montreal's McGill University.

The Montreal conference was a gathering of students from colleges and universities around the world. Before each conference, each school or "delegation" was assigned a country on which to do background research. Then at the conference, the delegations participate in different committee meetings, where primary issues such as international security, disarmament, and decolonization are discussed, along with other select issues, such as human rights.

"This year Mary Washington represented Andorra, a country between France and Spain, and Barbados," said

Zuchowski, who organized the trip. "We participated in the three main assemblies and also some smaller ones, like human rights and the World Health Organization."

And even though they contended with schools like Harvard and Columbia, Mary Washington College performed well in their deliberations.

"One thing I am proud of is how the Mary Washington students held their own," Rucker said. "They're talking about real social, political, and economic development."

Although the scheduled conferences were the arena for discussing the international issues, the students did not hesitate to discuss these issues elsewhere.

"We spent a lot of time at restaurants and I even tried Lebanese food."
Jeff Holmes



Brydon Cooke, Melissa Christy, Peter Kelley *The Bulletin* photographer and Sara Smith in Montreal.

"My favorite part was interacting with people from other universities," sophomore Jeff Holmes said.

Rucker also noticed that the students did not limit their deliberations to the organized conferences.

"When they went out for dinner, talks about significant world issues would spill over into dinner," Rucker said.

In addition to engaging dinner conversations, the Montreal conference was certainly not all work and no play. At night, the students hit the hot spots in Montreal and took in all of the culture that the Canadian city had to offer.

Included in the itinerary for the trip

were two nights of fun. One of these nights was called a "Pub Crawl," where the students were bused from one bar to another. Not only did they have a guaranteed ride home, but they also received drink specials and no cover charge.

Holmes, 20, attended the conference and could legally drink in Canada.

"The whole atmosphere and experience of the Pub Crawl was just great," he said.

On another night, conference attendees were invited to a club that had been rented

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Conquering Those Icy Slopes The Inconvenience of Inclement Weather

By ELISSA MILANOWSKI
Staff Writer

There is a certain innocent rush associated with the idea of a snow day. There is something about the ominous winter-weather advisory flashing across the bottom of a television screen that transforms even the most mature college students into giddy third graders. Maybe it is the thought of cancelled classes, or snowball fights with good friends. Perhaps it is the idea of a steaming cup of hot chocolate after a long day of sledding down Trench Hill. Whatever it is, few students can deny that the thought of a snow day brings a smile to their faces. However, the impending threat of a blizzard does not leave everyone with the same sense of joy.

For those who keep up the maintenance of the Mary Washington College grounds, a snow day means a lot of extra work to ensure the safety of students and faculty across campus. For these dedicated workers, a

snow day entails an entirely different type of rush. For Director of Landscaping and Grounds, Joni Wilson, and the rest of the Landscaping and Grounds Division, the threat of ice or snow creates a rush against time.

For Wilson, the process of creating a safe winter wonderland begins before the snow even starts to fall. Anytime winter storms are expected, Wilson and the Landscaping and Grounds Division are on call 24 hours. If an accumulation of snow or ice begins, the Campus Police dispatcher contacts Wilson who then calls Campus Grounds Supervisor Richard Blair, who determines the crew size that needs to be called in to begin working on the campus.

Although their regular working hours are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., it is not unusual for members of this crew to be called in before sunrise.

"My staff and others at Facilities Services are dedicated to the safety of the faculty, staff and students of Mary Washington College," Wilson said. "We work very hard for long hours in miserable conditions to keep the campus safe. We would much rather be at home in bed or with our families when it is sleeting mixed with rain and snow at 3 a.m. and we have had two hours of sleep, but we are here."

If snowfall is particularly heavy, Wilson has the responsibility of contacting Executive Vice President Rick Hurley to give him an assessment of whether classes should be delayed or cancelled for the day. This decision must be made by 5:15 a.m., and depends on the severity of area conditions.

Several different methods are used to de-ice the campus. Some students may have noticed a strange smell wafting from patches of ice on the roads and walks this year. This odor comes from a chemical used to prevent ice and snow from adhering to a surface. It allows for better traction when snow is on a paved surface, promotes melting and prevents a slick layer from forming when a road or walk is plowed. This technique is relatively new and has only been used several times this season. More traditional methods include shoveling and chipping away at snow and ice and the use of sand as an abrasive. An ice melting chemical called Pro-Link, which is a mixture of fertilizer and calcium chloride, is also used. Each of

these techniques is an effort to prevent the occurrence of accidents on and around campus.

However, despite all efforts to prevent them, accidents are bound to happen.

"I was walking down campus walk when a snowball hit me," sophomore Nicole Casebolt said. "The shock of the snowball made me slip and fall right in front of GW. It was like a chain reaction."

Associate Director of Mary Washington College's Health Center, Nancy Yates, said that there have been several incidents of snow or ice-related injuries so far this year. Yates added that most of these incidents are due just as much to carelessness as to condition.

"You can't go out and run the same way you do in good weather, in bad weather," Yates said.

Most students recognize that they have to exercise extra caution during inclement weather, especially in areas that are particularly prone to icing such as in front

of Ball, Custis and Madison Halls, at the north end of Simpson Library and at the basement steps of George Washington Hall.

"The stairs and the hill down to Marshall are the worst when it's icy," freshman Kemp Savage said. "I try to avoid going down there."

The pink "Passageway Closed" signs displayed around campus during inclement weather are one method used to encourage people to avoid these dangerous zones. The signs are put up at the onset of a snowstorm, in those areas that are particularly prone to ice.

"I think the pink signs are necessary because they warn people that they are going into a dangerous zone," senior Ryan Bayne said. "But the thing about the signs is that they're all over the place. If you really obeyed them you'd be dancing around that circle."

Instead of prohibiting students from using certain pathways, the signs seem to serve simply as a warning that passageways may be dangerous.

"It is a very mixed response to the signs," Wilson said. "Some respect them, others do not. We have tried many things and have found the signs to be the safest and most efficient."



A pink sign labels hazardous stairs.

College Administrative Secretaries Retire



Photo Courtesy The Office of College Delegations.
Vicki Campbell.

By LAUREN DeANGELIS
Staff Writer

Vicki Campbell said that she felt something was wrong when she arrived at work on June 5, 2001. As assistant to President Anderson and clerk for the Board of Visitors, Campbell knew that her high-stress job afforded no room for bad health. Yet on that day she said that she felt very fatigued, and experienced extreme pain throughout her body. Campbell ended up in the hospital within two hours of leaving work that night. Little did she know, June 5, 2001 would be her last day of work at Mary Washington College.

"There was an ongoing joke with my friends that the only way I'd leave my job there was on a stretcher," Campbell said. "That was just about what happened."

In October 2001, Campbell was diagnosed with a connective tissue disease that saps her strength and makes it impossible for her to work. After taking medical leave until December 2002, she officially retired on Dec. 12.

Gloria Day, another long-time secretary for Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, retired on Dec. 19. Day also found it near impossible to continue working due to the passing of her husband, Gene Day, in June 2002. "I've always loved the College, but you reach a time when you know its time to do something else," Day said.

Day and Campbell, who both worked at the College for more than a decade, found it very difficult to move on.

"Mary Washington is my family," Campbell said. "Because I'm not married, I was pretty much married to my job. The friends I've made there are like family members to me. That's the most difficult part of not being there."

William Crawley, distinguished professor of History, has known Campbell since she began working at the College. He noted her positive attitude.

"In every instance, she had such dedication that she would do whatever was necessary to get the job done, and did so with unfailing cheerfulness," Crawley said.

Campbell's optimism is an important commodity now as she copes with her illness. While she used to work 12 to 15 hours days, Campbell now says that she can only manage two hours of energy daily.

"I haven't been able to work or do anything constructive," Campbell said. "But I hope to overcome all this and be able to be productive again one day."

For someone whose life was so rooted in her work, the transition is not an easy one. During her 18 years at the College, Campbell took on many students as "children" and mentored them. She also became a major confidant to Anderson, and even helped his kids with their school papers.

"We will miss her a great deal," Anderson said. "She was a fantastic secretary whose work ethic and professional skills were surpassed only by her charm and personality."

Day and Campbell worked together daily because their offices were down the hall from one another. Day said that the aspect of the job she misses the most is seeing her friend on a daily basis.

Bonnie Sivert, research specialist, describes Day as thoughtful, considerate and a true friend.

"When she knows someone is sick or kind of down, she'll send a card to them. I've had surgeries, and she would always come by and bring me food," Sivert said.

Carolyn Frye, assistant cashier of Student Accounts, also said that Day was always friendly and helpful. Frye and Day would go to lunch together often, and Frye said that she misses her friend.

Day had been working for Hurley for a little over two years when she retired. Hurley describes her as a loyal, dedicated and professional employee.

"She really is a stylin' woman," Hurley said. Now that she is retired, Day said that she might do some part-time work and would like to pursue

her interest in traveling. She said that she enjoys the central location of Fredericksburg because it allows her easy access to some of her favorite places such as Myrtle and Virginia Beaches, and Washington, D.C. Day's other interests include collecting Longenberger baskets and spending time with her two children, two grandsons and her schipperke dog, Dusty.

Campbell is also looking forward to spending time with her mother and three grandsons. However, Campbell's other interests are difficult for her to pursue due to the strict regimen of medicine and therapy that her illness requires.

With the help of friends from the College and the company of her faithful cocker spaniel, Bridget, Campbell has high hopes for the future. Even so, she continues to miss the life she left at Mary Washington College.

"I gave my life to the College for all those years," Campbell said. "My friends and coworkers there were a huge part of my life."

Day has similar sentiments about her retirement.

"Mary Washington was like a second home to me," she said.

Vanderland reflected the feelings of most everyone that considered either woman a friend.

"She always had the interest of the students and the College at heart," Vanderland said of Campbell. "The students were always very dear to her and everybody loved her. She is what Mary Washington College is all about."

There was an ongoing joke with my friends that the only way I'd leave my job there was on a stretcher. That was just about what happened.

Vicki Campbell



Peter Kelley/Bullet

Sophomore and The Bullet
photographer Peter Kelley.

Model UN in Montreal

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out by the organizers of the conference and during the day, many took advantage of Montreal's colorful shopping areas.

"We spent a lot of time at restaurants and I even tried Lebanese food," Holmes said.

Yet, when the fun times were over, the students got to work. After listening to the speech given by keynote speaker, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Louise Frechette, the students started to tackle the task of coming up with resolutions for issues of international concern.

The deliberations that occurred at Model UN conferences were imitations of issues discussed at actual UN conferences. According to the Model UN website, www.un.org, the origins of Model UN are not known exactly, but it began sometime in the 1920s. During this time, students started conducting Model League of Nations meetings, even before the United Nations was formed in 1945. Now, over 200,000 high school and college students from all over the world participate in Model UN and of these, 1,500 students attended the international conference in Montreal.

Since Model UN deals with world issues, many students pursuing International Relations and Political Science majors are interested, but Zuchowski said that people from all different majors are members of the club, which has about 35 members.

The Model UN club holds meetings primarily at the beginning of the year to plan for the Montreal trip as well as another conference they attend in Chicago during the fall semester. As for next year, Zuchowski says they hope to visit several embassies in Washington, D.C.

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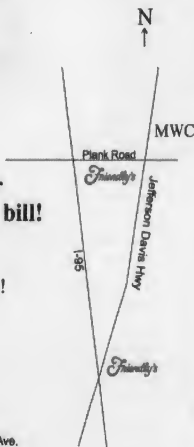
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schedule

Baseball

Feb. 9: vs. Columbia Union

Men's Basketball

Feb. 8: at St. Mary's College

Women's Basketball

Feb. 8: at St. Mary's College

Swimming

Feb. 14-16: Conference Championships

Track & Field

Feb. 8: at Susquehanna Invite

scores

Men's Basketball

Feb. 1: York College
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Women's Basketball

Feb. 1: York College
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Men's Swimming

Feb. 1: Howard University
W 103-69

Women's Swimming

Feb. 1: Howard University
W 117-55

athlete of the week

Ashley Randlett Swimming

The senior was named CAC Player of the Week after winning the 100 breaststroke in the team's meet against Howard.

Goolrick's Facilities Inadequate Students Eagerly Anticipate New Facility

By TOM BORAK
Staff Writer

Trying to move around Goolrick Hall on a weekday afternoon is like trying to drive through Washington D.C. at rush hour on a Friday. It can be described in one word: CHAOS.

The main gym is occupied by the basketball teams, which are both in season. The small auxiliary gym serves as an amplifier to the pings of softball batting practice and the squeak of the tennis teams running sprints. The weight room is full of lacrosse players working out and members of the crew team coagulating around the rowing machines.

In the aerobic room, people are lined up along the back wall waiting impatiently for someone else to finish his or her workout. And make sure you look both ways before taking the stairs, because the baseball team is running up and down them like a herd of lemmings.

With all this activity, one group is noticeably absent: the general student body.

"I try to avoid the weight room during the week because it's just too crowded," junior Caroline Ellis said. "It's hard to get a satisfying workout when people keep asking how much time you have left on the treadmill. I just feel pressured to hurry up."

Another problem facing students is the availability of the Goolrick facilities to those with busy class schedules.

"What I despise is the hours of operation for the gym," junior Laurie Phillips said. "I feel that it should open at 6 a.m. and close, at the earliest, midnight. That way, the crowd won't be too much of a hassle to deal with and people can still find time to work out."

Currently, the gym is open on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Enter the fitness center. Mary Washington College's new workout facility, currently under construction between Jepson and Goolrick halls, is scheduled to open this fall. The new \$4.85 million complex will include an extended weight room on the first floor, and an upstairs consisting primarily of aerobic equipment. The building is being constructed with the general student body as its intended patrons. Upon completion, the current facilities in the



Worth Stokes/Bullet

As of February, all that stands of the new gymnasium are mounds of dirt and tractors.

basement of Goolrick will be designated to the athletic program.

While this is a tremendous step in the right direction, many in the athletic department feel that there is more to be done.

"This facility is definitely needed," men's basketball coach Rod Wood said. "But it's a lot lower on the priority list. It doesn't do a thing for the sports programs other than take the recreational student body out of Goolrick."

Wood stressed that while this is a huge sports problem, it is also a huge student body issue. Due to physical education classes and the practice schedules of the sports teams, recreational sports are kept to a minimum during the day. Intramurals and general recreational play are limited to evening hours before the gym closes at 10 p.m.

Wood's priority list includes a convocation center and a solution to the parking problem plaguing the current facility.

A new convocation center would allow Goolrick's gym to become an auxiliary gym for recreational play. It would also open up some space for sports practice, which is currently very difficult to come by.

The Recruit

"Is this where you practice?"

"Yes sir, it is."

"So where do you play your games?"

"Right here."

And just like that, Michael McGinley cut ties with Mary Washington College.

McGinley, a resident of Moorestown, N.J., was on a recruitment trip to MWC with his father last fall when he was introduced to the trifling basketball arena in Goolrick Hall. His father was so unimpressed that he asked Wood to refer him to another school in the area. Months of persistent phone calls and background research became wasted time, as Wood picked up the phone in his office, called his alma mater at Randolph Macon College, and handed them one of his top prospects.

This is just one example of why Wood argues that MWC has perhaps the worst facilities in the country. This college is a very difficult sell for coaches to make to players looking for modern facilities and glorious arenas to showcase their talents.

"It's homey," senior forward Cris Hairston said, referring to the small confines of the gym. "But compared to other schools, our facilities are horrible."

Hairston was recruited to play for

MWC by former assistant coach Guy White. He agreed to play for MWC without even coming to visit the campus. When he arrived, he was shocked to discover that his old stomping grounds at Bassett High School in Southern Virginia were nicer than the ones he would be playing on in college.

"My high school gym was built like a college and seated about 6,000 people," Hairston said. "This was like taking a step backwards."

The basketball program has thrived this year in its humble abode, packing the modest bleachers to capacity and leaving many latecomers to stand and watch the game from the doorways. This is another reason Hairston feels it is time for an upgrade.

"Coach Wood doesn't get enough respect for what he's done with this program," Hairston said. "The school needs to buckle down, take responsibility and build a new facility."

The general consensus is that a new facility will help draw the athletes that MWC needs to remain competitive on an annual basis.

Women's basketball coach Rebecca

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Swim Teams Crush Howard



Bullet File Photo

Junior Priscilla Tomescu and the rest of the women's swim team are seeking a strong finish to the season.

By PAM KRAMER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Capital Athletic Conference teams should be afraid. Very afraid.

In fact, we should all be very afraid. Since the first week in December, the women's swim team has not shivered. Anything.

"Katie Wamsley's hair is thicker than the guys'," teammate Karin Riesenfeld said.

With the conference championships looming two weeks away, the squad is eagerly anticipating the day before the meet when they can shed their skin,

literally.

"When you shave off a whole layer of hair, you also shave off a whole layer of skin and that helps the swimmers propel through the water faster," Riesenfeld said.

The men's team also shaves every hair off their body before the CAC's, but they take it to another level. Two nights before the meet, they have a shaving party and shave designs into their heads. Some shave mullets, others shave Nike swooshes. Then when the day comes, even that hair is removed to leave a clean baldhead to propel them through the water.

This past Saturday at Goolrick Natatorium, the women's team romped

Howard University 117-55 improving their record to 9-2 on the season and the men defeated the Bison 103-69 adding another win to their 11-1 record, hair and all.

The women came out victorious in seven races, including the 200-medley relay, the 200 freestyle, the 50 freestyle, the 200 individual medleys, the 100 freestyle, the 100 backstroke and the 500 freestyle.

Although the Eagles came out victorious, it was a bittersweet meet.

Saturday was senior day, a time to honor the eight women and two men who will be completing their Mary Washington College swimming careers in just a few weeks.

For the women's team, these seniors will be competing for their fourth straight CAC championship and the thirteenth consecutive for the school. Surrounded by teammates, the seniors were honored before the meet versus Howard.

"It was almost surreal to walk down the row of my cheering teammates and receive senior gifts of cookies, flowers and balloons," senior Megan Newcomer said.

These sentiments were shared by all of the seniors. Most are sad to be leaving, but all have a sense of pride to be a part of such an exceptional team.

"Part of me was sad to see the end, but the other part of me knows that we still have so much left to accomplish this

season," Riesenfeld said. "This meet was just a stepping stone to all that we have trained for this year."

This week, senior Ashley Randlett received the CAC Player of the Week award for her performance on Saturday, winning the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:11.70.

"I have accomplished so much more than I ever thought I would," Randlett said of her career. "It was a bit scary and saddening to think this was my last dual meet, but our season is not over and we are focused on achieving the goals we set at the beginning of the year."

The men's team also dominated on Saturday winning six races including the 200-medley relay, the 200 freestyle, the 50 freestyle, the 100 butterfly, the 100 backstroke and the 500 freestyle.

Although the men's team is losing only two seniors, the loss will be felt severely.

"This class was the foundation for the men and the building process that started four years ago," head coach Matt Kinney said. "All in all, the commitment from this group for four years has been exceptional and they will be considered true leaders for many years."

Senior Bryan Beary is optimistic for his team.

"In our sport, we always talk of bringing our swimming to the next level.

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Meet The Player: Erik Rodriguez

By CORY TEMPLEMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Mary Washington College head basketball coach Rod Wood likes players who exploit opponent's weaknesses when they come off the bench.

He likes players like junior Erik Rodriguez.

After assuming a starting role most of last season, Rodriguez now bears the responsibility as the Eagles' sixth man coming off the bench. The change has not only helped the junior guard's play this season, but also the success of the 17th-ranked Eagles basketball team.

"Erik really fits the role of coming off the bench very well. He's able to come in fresh against a tired defense and being the shooter that he is, can nail some quick shots. Erik's a guy who finishes and I look for players like that," Wood said.

For Rodriguez, a graduate of Marshall High School in Falls Church, Va., this season's new role suits him just fine.

"To me personally, I think that I play much better



Photo Courtesy of MWC Media Guide

Erik Rodriguez

coming off the bench because I can see what is going on out on the court," he said. "The team knows that I am a shooter and that's how I score so they know when I come in the game I'm going to shoot the ball."

Despite coming off the bench, Rodriguez still averages 23 minutes per game, leads MWC with 39 three pointers on the season and is fifth in the Capital Athletic Conference in three-point percentage at 39 percent.

However, stats are not what Wood praises Rodriguez for on the court. It's his ability to fit roles and be a team player.

"Erik's basically getting the same minutes as last season, but he's now understanding his role to help this team win," Wood said. "He also works very hard at practice and with his strength training and that's really helped him in games."

"On the court I think I'm pretty laid back. On the sidelines I like to encourage the guys on the court, but when the game is on the line you have to turn it on. I'm just like that I guess," Rodriguez said.

Next time you happen to see Rodriguez coming off the bench, look at the three-point line. Everyone else is.

Seniors Lead The Way In Victory

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This year, the next level is more than just the competition in our conference. It's having a record with only one loss, it's about other teams being afraid," he said.

The two teams are training in the upcoming weeks for the CAC's, but are also looking ahead to nationals and hope to have a number of candidates to participate.

"My freshman year, we only had a dozen guys, and were up nights worrying about winning the conference meet. Now, we have almost double that, and worry how many will make nationals," Beary said.

You can watch for the Eagles from February 14-16 in the Goodrick Natatorium.



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Juniors Adrienne Trombley and Sarah Sebring use the stairmasters.

New Gym Expected Next Year

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Timmins said she agrees.

"One of the biggest selling points for an athlete, or any student for that matter, is a nice gym and fitness center," she said.

Wood looks at it this way: "Would it be ok if Mary Washington's campus was mediocre? Would it be ok if our classrooms were mediocre? Would it be ok if our faculty were mediocre? Of course not. So why is it ok if our athletic facilities are mediocre?"

The Facts

The athletic department has a legitimate complaint. While MWC has shelled out nearly \$5 million for its new fitness center, it is still way below the mark that other schools in the Capital Athletic Conference have spent on their facilities.

Goucher College, which has only 1,200 enrolled undergraduates, spent nearly \$7.5 million on their Sports & Recreation Center, which was built in 1991. The Center's facilities include a 1,200-seat sports arena, a weight room, racquetball and squash courts, and other training facilities. In addition, Goucher has the Lilian Welsh Gymnasium, which houses an auxiliary gym and a dance studio.

Catholic University, with 2,350 undergraduates, spent nearly \$11 million on their Raymond A. DuFour Center, which includes a 2,000 seat main arena, two training rooms, five racquetball courts, a dance studio, a sauna, a weight room, an indoor padded running

track, two batting cages, six indoor pitching mounds and an indoor tennis plaza.

Compared to these schools, MWC's efforts seem almost worthless, but it's not as if this is a new development.

The initial plans for the fitness center, developed nearly 10 years ago, included a parking deck in addition to the facility that is currently under construction. The project came in about a million dollars over budget however, and the College was forced to start again. The state of Virginia officially granted permission for the College to build the fitness center in 1999. The new plan did not include either a convocation center or the parking lot. Rick Hurley, the Executive Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer for Mary Washington College addressed the issue.

"We've always known that [a new gymnasium/field house] is what was needed," he said. "We're just now hiring an architectural firm to do concept drawings for a convocation center and basketball arena."

There is no set timeline for when such a complex may begin to take shape, but if history is any indicator, it will be several years down the road. The planning period is often the most difficult and time-consuming process. Coupled with the financial crisis in the state of Virginia at this time, it is unlikely that much effort can be expected in the near future.

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- CSA President

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Scene

your guide to entertainment

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The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time television were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

coming attractions

▼ Thursday, Feb. 6:

"Rethinking the Rules: Muslim Women's Challenges to Restriction on their Rights," by Dr. Ann Elizabeth Mayer of the University of Pennsylvania. Room 139 in Combs Hall, 7 p.m. Part of the James Farmer Lecture Series in Human Rights. **Free.**

▼ Friday, Feb. 7:

"Crimes Against Nature," by Christopher Kilmartin, professor of psychology at Mary Washington College. Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall, 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault. **\$10.**

▼ Wednesday, Feb. 12:

"A New Frontier: Collecting African-American Art," by local artist Jeremy Austin. Ridderhof Martin Gallery, 7 p.m. **Free.**

top ten movies

1. The Recruit
2. Final Destination 2
3. Biker Boyz
4. Kangaroo Jack
5. Darkness Falls
6. Chicago
7. The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
8. Just Married
9. Catch Me If You Can
10. About Schmidt

Opening This Weekend:
"Shanghai Noon 2" with Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson, "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" with Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey

source: www.imdb.com

Quote of the Week

"This song explains why I'm leaving home to become a stewardess."

-Anita,
"Almost Famous"

MWC Grad Mirabello Documents Miracles

James Mirabello's Extensive Research Helps To Perfect Documentary

By DEVIN WAIS
Scene Editor

Mary Washington College graduate James Mirabello once said he would like to go to graduate school and become a writer. He also said he would like to steal actress Catherine Zeta-Jones away from her husband, actor Michael Douglas, and move into a villa on the Italian Riviera.

"Hey, a man's gotta dream, right?" Mirabello said.

Mirabello's dream sounds a bit like a story that he came across in his research for a Spark Media documentary — the GI who, after deserting from the army, sent a letter home to his wife proclaiming, "I'm not coming home. I have escaped to an island where I have decided to make myself king over the natives."

Mirabello, a self proclaimed "infantry grunt" and research assistant/production assistant for Spark Media, spent a total of four months at the Library of Congress and made multiple trips to the University of Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University in order to find out more about blue babies for the Spark Media documentary, "Partners of the Heart."

"Partners of the Heart" focuses on the story of Dr. Alfred Blalock, a white surgeon, and Vivien Thomas, a black research technician, who created a medical miracle through their work with Tetralogy of Fallot. Tetralogy of Fallot, better known as blue baby syndrome, is a defect caused by an obstruction of passages from the heart to the pulmonary arteries, which causes the sufferer to lead an unusually short life. Blalock and Thomas' 34-year interracial partnership helped save thousands of blue babies and created a new era in cardiac surgery, as well as making a significant statement in the name of racial equality.

"I think this film tells an important story, and I'm proud to have been a small part of it," Mirabello said.

Mirabello became involved with Spark Media shortly after his graduation

from Mary Washington College in 2000 with a double degree in English and History. Spark Media is a Washington, D.C. based production and outreach company specializing in issues of social change.

"I was a recent graduate, bumming around and trying to figure out what to do with my life," Mirabello said. "My brother was playing pool with a friend of one of the producers [for Spark Media]. The friend mentioned that Spark was looking for interns... and the rest is history."

Mirabello began as an intern helping with "Partners of the Heart," and eventually became more involved through his research, which involved hunting through archives for pictures and footage that could be relevant to the documentary.

His work proved to be more difficult than he believed while he was at the Library of Congress (LOC). "There are no indexes for a lot of old newspapers, so I had to look at every page of every issue in a few selected newspapers from November 1945 to 1949," Mirabello said.

Not to mention Mirabello's experience "wrestling with the Eastern European claps." There was only one good microfilm machine in the LOC, which Mirabello had to share with three Eastern Europeans who he said were always there. "When they had to leave for lunch, one of the three would always stay with the machine, keeping watch, protecting their territory. It would not have been a surprise if the librarians had come in one morning to see a Czech flag staked into the top of the microfilm monitor," he said.

Some days, Mirabello would get to the machine first; those were the days in which he had three culture-like men staring over his shoulder.

Between glaring Eastern Europeans and news preservation problems, Mirabello quickly realized that researching blue babies was not an easy feat.

"What you will find in research is that for every one great thing you'll find, there will be ten useless things," Mirabello said. "The WMAR-TV collection [at the University of Baltimore] has a lot of footage of people walking in the wind. I guess wind was a big story back in the day."

And not every day yielded such random results as the story of the spaghetti shortage in America in 1945.

"I spent a long time watching old newsreels on equipment that didn't work," said Mirabello. "That could be tedious, admittedly."

However, the tediousness paid off: Mirabello discovered some valuable articles, including one about a West Virginian woman who hitchhiked to Johns Hopkins to save her child, and a newsreel of a Baltimore City Council hearing in which Dr. Blalock and a few of the blue babies attended.

He also came across an article that attributed blue baby syndrome to a diet based on Crayolas, titled "Blue Baby Case Laid to Colored Crayon Diet." The articles and documents that Mirabello uncovered helped to create the authenticity of "Partners of the Heart." According to Mirabello, just the rough draft of the documentary was impressive enough to convince Morgan Freeman to want to be a part of the project. Director Andrea Kalin had been trying to attract Freeman for some time, but after seeing the project, Freeman agreed to be the narrator.



Photo Courtesy: sparkmedia.org

Morgan Freeman narrates the "Partners of the Heart" documentary.

"He knew this was an important story and wanted to help in any capacity he could," Mirabello said.

Before he began working at Spark Media, Mirabello had planned on going to graduate school. However, his plans have changed.

"I thought about grad school, but I was really taken with the story of Vivien Thomas and Alfred Blalock and I wanted to see it through," said Mirabello. "I am fine at Spark Media. I enjoy the good work, I am learning a lot, and I feel that I am doing something important in helping to get these inspiring stories out to the people who need to hear them."

In addition to not-so-inspiring stories, such as the one about Scotland's use of bagpipes as a weapon of terror against the Germans in World War II.

"Partners of the Heart" will air on PBS on Feb. 10 at 9 p.m. as part of its series "American Experience."

For more information, please visit www.sparkmedia.org



James Mirabello



Vivien Thomas.



Dr. Alfred Blalock.

Video Games: New Therapy?

By BRIAN DOYLE
Staff Writer

Need a healthy outlet for your rage?

There's a young boy, age eight or nine, blowing away S.W.A.T. team members with an automatic shotgun. Though they increase in numbers, the child puts up a noble fight, unloading round after round into the mass of bodies. Eventually, the swarm overcomes him, and the child watches his blood spatter in front of his eyes and his body crumples to the ground. The child smiles, and then goes to his mother's side. You can find this scene on any given day at the Funcland in Central Park.

Video games are one of the hottest crazes in the America. Starting with the ancient Atari and Nintendo systems, the technology has quickly grown. The

newest systems cost hundreds of dollars, but the public is willing to pay.

While at Funcland, Jennie, a mother of three, after a little arithmetic and some help from her son, figured that between all three of her children, they have eight entertainment systems, ranging from Nintendo 64 to Gameboy Advance to Sony Playstation 2 to the Gamecube. That may seem like a lot, but her son Phillip, age eleven, assured me that all his friends had similar setups in their house. His mother seemed to agree. Phillip said that he prefers the exciting adventure strategy games, whereas his siblings (Mollie, age 15, and Jenna, age six) preferred James Bond and MarioKart for Nintendo 64.

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Photo Courtesy Mark Thaden

Students and alumni perform as "Out Of Sync" at last year's Drag Show.

Men In Tights: 3rd Annual Drag Show Is Back!

By EMMETT MANN
Staff Writer

Two years ago, while Mark Thaden was hosting Mary Washington College's now annual Drag Show, he received a phone call. The caller didn't sound like anyone he knew—in fact, the accent on the other end of the phone was positively rural. The caller wanted to know about the Drag Show—he wanted to race his car.

The Drag Show began in the spring of 2000, an idea sparked by then MWC junior Mark Thaden. The first show quickly sold out—there was a line out the door of the Underground where it was being held.

The first year, four drag queens were hired from a club in Richmond to perform. Along with these performers, members of the


audience came on stage and performed. The routines varied but tended to stay within the perimeters of popular music.

The atmosphere at the Drag Show has changed by moving it from the Underground to the Great Hall. Despite the Great Hall's 500-person capacity, tickets again quickly sold out. Although the second show sold out as well, the festivities lacked the same spontaneity. This year the show will return to the Underground.

Senior Nathan Figueuerro, president of PRISM, promises another exciting show. "It's going to be really wild," he said. "Everyone is going to have a good time."

The 3rd Annual Drag Show, hosted by OSACS and PRISM, will be held Friday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Underground.

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A drag queen at last year's show.



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Dr. Rochelle reads Edna St. Vincent Millay Combs 139 5 p.m.

Meditation Workshop Leidecker Center for Asian Studies Trinkle B39 4 p.m.

Step Show Dodd Auditorium 7-10 p.m. FREE

SPCA work 10:30 a.m. Monroe Circle

Polish Lessons Noon in the Writing Center

5 Alive Baptist Student Union 5 p.m.

Human Rights Club Panel Discussion on Farmworker's Rights 7 p.m. Lee Hall Ballroom

JUNIORS-Ring try-ons Tan Lounge 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Grand Opening Leidecker Center for Asian Studies Trinkle B39 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Daybreak 2-5 p.m. meets at Christ Lutheran Church

MWC Greater D.C. Alumni Reception 2-4 p.m. call x1022 to register

Black Student Association Meeting Room #4 5 p.m.

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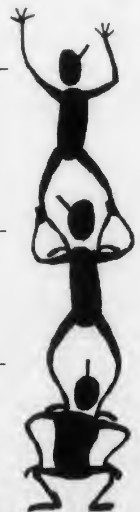
Gospel Extravaganza Dodd Auditorium 4 p.m. FREE

Break Dancing Goolrick Studio 4 8:30 p.m. FREE LESSONS!

Prism Drag Show Underground 7-10 p.m.

Jyoti Meditation Class Trinkle B39 4-5 p.m.

Life After MWC Workshop 4-5 p.m. Call x1022 to sign up





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'Crimes Against Nature' To Return To Dodd Auditorium

Seniors Amy Hawthorne, Erin Johansen and Kim Smart paint the Spirit Rock hailing the return of Psychology Professor Christopher Kilmartin's one man show, "Crimes Against Nature." The show, written by Kilmartin, is an inspiring look at the societal pressures men face, including humorous takes on the stereotypes men have been forced into. The show is the result of a year-long collaboration between Kilmartin and Associate Professor of Theatre Gregg Stull.

"Crimes Against Nature" will be performed in Dodd Auditorium this Friday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students, \$10 for the general public. The performances will benefit the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, and donations of non-perishable foods will be appreciated. For more info, call 371-1666.

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